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Post-Office Notifications.

A mail will close
For Manila.—Per *Emeralda*, to-day, the
27th instant, at 9.30 A.M.
For Shanghai.—Per *Glennearn*, to-day, the
27th instant, at 11.30 A.M.
For Saigon.—Per *Admiral* and *Boatman*—Per

For Calicut—To-day, the 27th instant, at 11.30 A.M.
For Bangkok—To-day, the 27th instant, at 3.30 P.M.

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.
The French Contract Packet—*AFY*—will be despatched on SATURDAY, the 30th instant, with Mails to and through the United Kingdom, India, Ceylon, Hongkong, Singapore, Batavia, Java, Australia, New Zealand, Tasmania, Fiji, Aden, Seychelles, Réunion, Mauritius, Suez, and Alexandria.

Letters may also be forwarded to India by the French Packet, at a special rate, as at Calcutta, Ceylon. The postage to Ceylon must be prepaid. Such letters should be marked *Paide à Calcutta only*; they will go on from *Paide* as unpaid.

The following will be the hours of closing the Mails, &c.:—

FRIDAY, 29th instant,
5 P.M. Money Order Office. News Office.
Money orders except the *Next* Box

Com.	which remains open all night.
Y.	SATURDAY, 30th October.
Y.	2.30 P.M. Post Office opens for sale of Stamps, Registry of Letters, and Post- ing of all correspondences.
Y.	10 A.M. Registry of Letters closes.
Y.	11 A.M. Post Office closes except for Letters.
Y.	11.10 A.M. Letters (but Letters only addressed to the United Kingdom and India) may be sent in on payment of a Late Fee of 18 cents extra postage until
Y.	11.30 A.M. when the Post Office CLOSES entirely.
Y.	MAILS BY 'THE UNITED STATES' PACKET
Y.	The United States Mail Packet BELGION will be despatched on MONDAY, the 2nd October, with Mails for Japan, San Francisco of the United States, and London, which will be OPENED as follows:
Y.	2 P.M. Registry of Letters closes.
Y.	2.30 P.M. Post Office closes.
Y.	2.30 P.M. Correspondence may be posted on board the Packet with Late Fee of 12 cents extra Postage, until
Y.	2.50 P.M. when the Mail is finally closed.
Y.	Correspondence may be specially directed for this route, and if not fully prepaid will be sent

By British Packet.

Letters, &c. can be posted for Canada, through the above-named ships, provided there is sufficient American steamers added to propel them from San Francisco to destination. American Stamps are sold at this Office.

The charges for Letters, &c. sent in Hongkong Stamps and 10 cents in U.S. cents from these places only the names of which are printed in Italics. To all the other places named correspondence cannot be Registered through the above-named San Francisco ships.

The following are the charges on correspondence thus sent :

	Per Half Ounce	Hongkong U.S.	Stamps	Stamps
		Cents.	Cents.	Cents.
Canada, British Columbia, New Brunswick, New Scotia, Prince Edward's Island, Vancouver's Island, Bahamas, Nassau, New Providence	8	3		
Assuwall, Bermuda, Barbadoes, Georgetown, Coast of Guine, Curaçoa, Fiji, Greenland, & Jamaica, New Granada, Nioumura, Panama, West Indies.	8	5		
Hawaii, Japan, Mauritius, Mexico, Guadaluada, Mexico, Salina, Venezuela	8	6		
Bahia, Georgetown, Guatana, Honduras, Port-au-Prince, Santa Marta, the Turk's Island.	8	13		

Brazil	8	15
Bolivia, Ecuador, Chile, Peru	8	17
Argentina	8	18
Uruguay, Paraguay, Uruguay	8	23
Newspapers (not over 4 oz.)	2	4
Broken, 3oz. or less	6	10
Articles found only in Newspapers or Book Packages (as silk scarves, jewellery, &c.) will be detained.		

Many types of letters are received at the Post Office, not sealed, that is to say, the box is fastened with sealing wax, but there is no impression of a seal.

Attention of boxholders is called to the necessity of carefully sealing such boxes with some recognizable seal, and of sending a Chilean receipt with them. The omission of this precaution will probably result in the return of the contents of the box ever reached the Post Office; the omission of the former, as to whether part of them might not have been abstracted for the sake of the Postage Stamps.

To provide means of remitting small sums of money to or from this Colony and between the Colonies, the Government of Chile, Peru and Argentina of this Office will in future be allowed (but not required) to purchase Hongkong Postage Stamps from foreign residents.

The Stamps tendered for sale must not exceed \$25 in value, must be perfectly clean, in good order, and of at least two, as no separate Stamps will be purchased. They must be presented personally or accompanied by a note.

The Treasurer or Agent may postpone purchasing if his public funds in hand are not sufficient, and he will refuse to purchase in any case which appears doubtful or suspicious. He is authorized to charge a collector of one per cent. on all Stamps purchased.

Letters containing Stamps should be registered, and the Stamps should be secured from observation.

Arrangements having been made under which Mails for London arriving at Swatow from China by Private Ships will be forwarded to Hongkong by the first steamer, it is hereby notified that the rates of postage, which must be paid in advance, on correspondence addressed to the United Kingdom so forwarded, will be as follows:

For Letters.....	22 cents per half ounce
For Newspapers.....	4 " each.
For Books and.....	1 ounce 4 cents.
Patterns.....	every 4 ounces 12 cents.

Most countries to which Hongkong forwards Correspondence having joined the General Postal Union or being probably about to do so, it is necessary that the following rules be strictly observed.

No Gold or Silver Coins, whether or registered or unregistered, can be remitted for Postage if it contains gold or silver, money, jewels, precious articles, or anything that, as a general rule, is liable to taxation.

The following regulations prohibit the sending of Patterns of dutiable articles, unless the quantity sent be so small as to make the same of no value.

The limits of weight allowed are as follows:—

BOOKS AND PAPERS.—To British Offices, 5lb. PATTERNS.—5lb. if without intrinsic value. BOOKS AND PAPERS.—To the Continent, &c., 10lb.

PATTERNS.—8 oz.

4. The following articles cannot be sent by Parcel Post:—Liquors, Ligands, Gunpowder, Matcha, Candles, Soap, Indigo, Dye-stuffs, or whatever is dangerous to the Mails or offensive or injurious to persons dealing with them.

The public is reminded that, in China and Japan, there is no such thing as Parcel Post. Much trouble and disappointment is caused by attempts to send parcels by the ordinary route.

through the Post, Fans, Carols, Articles of Dress, Fancy Work, and similar presents are continually being refused; the senders having often spent more in Postage than would have paid the freight by steamer. No refund can be made on such parcels of the value of Stamps obliterated before the nature of the contents was discovered.

PATTERNS.

Some difficulty is experienced in obtaining a general understanding of *what is a Pattern*. It is a *good* like sample of goods which the sender desires to be made up in a particular way, and in order. It is to consist of the smallest possible quantity compatible with showing what the goods are, and must have no intrinsic value.

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88	Chinese	Shanghai
89	Westall, Gatton & Co	Sydney
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91	Kang Hong Tak & Co	Tientsin
92	Chinese	
93	Sinussen & Co	
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96	Jardine, Matheson & Co	London
97	Adamson, Bell & Co	Colonie
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98	Master	

83	Adamsen, Bell & Co	
84	Gilman & Co	
85	Pow Tai Hong	
86	Chinase	
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88	Gibb, Livingston & Co	London
89	Hoard & Co	
90	Morris, Lewis & Co	
91	Heard & Co	
92	Westcott & Co	
93	Morris, Lewis & Co	
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95	Tuner & Co	
96	Thorn & Co	
97	Miss Moller	
98	J. S. Byron	
99	Chapman, King & Co	
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01	Master	
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03	Bryner & Beyfuss	
04	Wm. Paston & Co	
05	J. S. Byron	
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